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SUBJECT: EX-PKI LEADER SENTENCED TO DEATH

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, CENTRAL JAKARTA STATE COURT AUG. 28 SENTENCED TO DEATH FORMER PKI LEADER ASEP SURJAMAN, ONCE REPORTEDLY THE NUMBER THREE MAN IN THE SPECIAL BUREAU OF THE PKI CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE COURT FOUND ASEP GUILTY OF INVOLVEMENT IN A CRIMINAL ACT AND CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS GUILTY OF BEING A MEMBER OF A GROUP WHICH LED A TREASONOUS ARMED REBELLION AGAINST LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES.

2. ASSOCIATION OF ASEP WITH 1965 CONSPIRACY WAS CONFIRMED BY TESTIMONY OF FORMER SPECIAL BUREAU CHIEF SYAM KAMARUZAMAN AS WELL AS THAT OF MARTOSUWANDI. WELL BEFORE EVENTS OF SEPT. 30, 1965, ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY, ASEP HAD BEEN ASSIGNED BY D.N. AIDIT AS TRAINING CHIEF OF SPECIAL BUREAU, AND HE MET REGULARLY WITH SYAM AND OTHERS TO PREPARE FOR COUP ATTEMPT. AFTER ATTEMPT FAILED, ASEP REPORTEDLY WENT UNDERGROUND IN

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CENTRAL JAVA WHERE HE ENGAGED IN PROPAGANDA AND GUERILLA

ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, RESULTING IN DEATHS OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS.

3. IN PRONOUNCING SENTENCE, COURT NOTED UNREPENTANT ATTITUDE OF ASEP AS A MAJOR FACTOR IN ITS DECISION. ASEP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL APPEAL THE SENTENCE.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT DEATH SENTENCE WILL BE ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT AGAINST ASEP, BUT HE MAY WELL SPEND REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. NO ONE HAS BEEN EXECUTED FOR MANY YEARS IN INDONESIA, AND THERE IS SOME DOUBT THAT ASEP'S RANK IN PKI SPECIAL BUREAU WAS AS HIGH AS ALLEGED.

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